In The Circuit Court
For The Seventh Judicial Circuit of Illinois
Sangamon County, Springfield, Illinois

IN THE MATTER OF:

_____ } Case Number: _____
(Alleged Disabled Person)

NOTICE OF RIGHTS

This Notice will advise you that a Petition has been filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Seventh Judicial Circuit, _____ County, Illinois, by _____ (Name) to have _____ (Name) appointed as the Guardian of your Person and Estate on the basis that you are not fully capable of managing your Estate and Person because: (Here set forth cause of disability). _____

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A copy of the Petition is attached to this Notice. The Court has appointed me to act as Guardian Ad Litem for you at the hearing on the Petition under the provisions of an Act entitled "Guardians for Disabled Adults", which may be found in the 755 ILCS 5/111 et seq.

It is my responsibility to provide you with copies of the Petition, together with a copy of your rights as an alleged disabled adult as such rights are set forth under the provisions of Section 11a-11, and to further advise you orally on the contents of the Petition and of your rights under said Section 11a-11.

Your rights as provided under the provisions of Section 11a-11 are set forth immediately below in writing. The word "defendant" as it from time to time appears refers to you. The word "Petitioner" as it sometimes appears refers to the person who filed the Petition asking that a guardian be appointed for you as a disabled adult.

755 ILCS 5/11a-11

(a) The Defendant is entitled to be represented by counsel, to demand a jury of six (6) persons, to present evidence, and to confront and cross examine all witnesses. The hearing may be closed to the public on request of the Defendant, his/her Guardian Ad Litem, or his/her counsel. Unless excused by the Court upon good cause shown, the Defendant shall be present at the hearing.

(b) When the Defendant is represented by counsel, the Office of the State's Attorney of the County in which the action is brought shall present the case for the Petitioner, unless the Petitioner is represented by counsel who will present the matter to the Court.

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